

**An ORDINANCE by Debi Starnes**

**An Ordinance to ask the State of Georgia to adequately fund the production of supportive housing, needed by the chronically mentally ill citizens who live in Georgia.**

WHEREAS, there are thousands of citizens in the State of Georgia, who are chronically mentally ill,

AND WHEREAS, these citizens cannot function without the proper treatment,

AND WHEREAS, these citizens cannot maintain a treatment regimen without safe and decent housing, with the treatment services included (called supportive housing),

AND WHEREAS, without supportive housing, thousands of these citizens end up homeless and living on the streets,

AND WHEREAS, these citizens gravitate to the municipalities of the state, often by referral from outlying counties, placing a tremendous burden on the resources of the municipalities, who are not capable of serving all these citizens

AND WHEREAS, the State Housing Trust Fund has estimated that 6000 units of supportive housing are needed, statewide, with 4000 in the metro Atlanta area,

AND WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is responsible for providing such housing and services,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City add to our 2003 Legislative Package, a request that sufficient funding be appropriated in the State's budget to address this tremendous shortage of needed housing and services.